

How short the pow'rs of nature fall,
And can no farther go.

But, asking pardon for this digression, we must return to our subject.

The famine was not confined to Egypt, but its dreadful influence was felt in all the neighbouring countries. What shocking scenes may we now imagine were exhibited among the poor! picture to yourself, reader, children pining with hunger, crying to their parents for meat, when there was none to be obtained; while the father of an helpless family could do nothing, but, by incessant floods of tears, shew how much he felt their misery, and how unable he was to relieve them in their woe. But few persons know how dreadful a thing it is, for a large family to be extremely poor, and want bread to eat; yet, from the ideas we may form of such a situation, we ought certainly to be ready to lend them every assistance that

that we can; remembering "Blessed is he that condescendeth to the needy." In this time of distress, the father, and the rest of his family, felt severely. The provision which they could obtain, and they had almost given up all further hope. His sons, and the daughters, have given up all further food, and lived in the most wretched manner, being famished. By melancholy reflection on the minds, upbraiding the unwarrantable usage of the wicked men, and fearing, that they are approaching that period, Jacob be obtained in Egypt. him, of the great provision